

# Minutes

## Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

### Board Meeting

Wednesday Sep 26, 2012 @ 4:00 PM at 7 Fatima Drive

#### **Board Members Present**

K. Vaudreuil, J. Almond, D. McKee, J. Casimiro

#### **Guests Present**

J. Chiappetta, S. Cuello, J. LoPiccolo, D. Lauck, D. Waugh

## I. Opening Items

#### **Call the Meeting to Order**

D. McKee called a meeting of the board of trustees of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Wednesday Sep 26, 2012 @ 4:10 PM at 7 Fatima Drive.

Board members present were Daniel McKee, Joseph Almond, Kenneth Vaudreuil, and Julie Casimiro.

Other persons present included Jeremy Chiappetta, David Lauck, Daniel Waugh, Silvia Cuello, Kate Crowe, Mike DeMatteo, Jen Lo Piccolo, Drew Allsopp, and Lori McEwen.

#### **Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

D. McKee made a motion to Approve 8-20 minutes.

K. Vaudreuil seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

#### **Board Chair Remarks**

The Chair announced that Democrats for Education Reform held events at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. One of the events included a presentation by the Chair discussing Mayoral Academies(sm). Representatives of the National Education Association and American Federation of Teachers also made presentations.

## II. BVP Charter Renewal Update

#### **Charter Renewal Update and Scheduling**

Without objection, the Chair stated that the board would hold its workshop on the Charter Renewal Update before continuing with the rest of the agenda. Present during the workshop were representatives of Schoolworks, Spencer Blasdale and Ginelle Bradshaw. Mr. Chiappetta was absent during the workshop. Charter Renewal Update and Scheduling: Schoolworks explained the board evaluation that RIDE would undertake as part of the charter renewal process and then led the Board through simulation Q&A.

The date for the board to meet with RIDE regarding charter renewal is March 6th at a time to be determined.

## III. Governance

#### **Officers**

J. Almond made a motion to keep Dan McKee as chair, Joseph Almond as vice-chair, Jeremy Chiappetta as executive director, and Daniel Waugh as secretary and to appoint David Lauck as treasurer and Silvia

Cuello as assistant secretary.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

### **Employee Policies**

K. Vaudreuil made a motion to postpone consideration of employee policies until the next meeting.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

### **Family/Scholar Policies**

K. Vaudreuil made a motion to postpone consideration of family and scholar policies until next meeting.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

### **BVP Network-wide Goals for 12-13**

Jeremy Chiappetta presented 5 goals that the leadership team has committed to and he would like the board to endorse them. Network-wide goals for 2012-2013 are listed below. 1. Secure five-year renewal of the charter. 2. Leverage the diversity of the BVP community and enhance the diversity of the BVP staff to better prepare our scholars for success in the world. 3. Design a long-term strategic plan that comprehensively examines facilities, finances, and talent recruitment & retention. 4. Engage each scholar in deep and rigorous learning through aligned, differentiated, instruction. 5. Support teacher and leadership growth and development through rich learning opportunities.

J. Casimiro made a motion to endorse the goals.

K. Vaudreuil seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

### **Executive Director Goals for 12-13**

Jeremy Chiappetta presented his executive director goals. Executive director goals for 2012-2013 are listed below. 1. Create a network leadership team that serves as a high-functioning professional learning community whereby the network staff supports one another and the schools on a path to continuous improvement. 2. Launch of a fund development program that addresses the short and long-term capital and operating needs of the organization. 3. Work with current board members and RIMA to support the current board members and identify potential additional board members to help the organization grow and expand.

K. Vaudreuil made a motion to approve executive director's goals.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

## **IV. Facilities Update**

### **Short & Long Term Facility Planning**

Drew Allsopp presented 4 possible scenarios to think about.

## **V. Executive Session**

### **Go Into Executive Session**

K. Vaudreuil made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a)(5) to discuss the acquisition or lease of real estate, including the property on Roosevelt Ave.

J. Almond seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J.

Casimiro NAY: None..

## VI. Facilities Executive Session (Closed to the public)

**Acquisition or lease of real estate – R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a)(5)**

**Properties related to Roosevelt Ave.**

## VII. Executive Session

### **Reopen Meeting to the public**

J. Almond made a motion to reopen the meeting to the public.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

### **Minutes of Executive Session**

J. Casimiro made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session.

K. Vaudreuil seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

## VIII. Public Comment

### **Public Comment**

None.

## IX. Closing Items

### **Adjourn Meeting**

K. Vaudreuil made a motion to adjourn.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: D. McKee, J. Almond, K. Vaudreuil, J. Casimiro NAY: None..

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 06:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Cuello